

// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg, recessed from June 23, was held on the 28th day of June, 2005, at 2:30 P.M., Second Floor Training Room, City Hall, Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr., President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a work session regarding several items. The following Members were present:

Present: Dodson, Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Seiffert, Hutcherson

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Absent: Gillette

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// City Council again considered a request for designating all properties fronting on the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Pierce Street and including the properties known as 1518 and 1600 Fourteenth Street as a local Historic District (HD) to be known as the Spencer-Johnson Renaissance Historic District. Staff presented additional information showing that over 50% of the properties in this area were in favor of the designation. In response to questioning, Historic Preservation Commission Secretary Annette Chenault stated that a homeowner would only be held by restrictions of the era in which their home was constructed and that as long as any exterior changes were in line with the era of the construction of the house, those changes would be appropriate. Some Council Members expressed concern regarding the name since there were other prominent individuals who had at one time lived on Pierce Street. Mayor Hutcherson proposed changing the name of the historic district to the Pierce Street Renaissance Historic District. Following discussion, Council directed that the name of the historic district be changed to "Pierce Street Renaissance Historic District" and that the item be scheduled for the July 12 meeting for vote.

// City Manager Kimball Payne stated that following the May 24 work session, a more detailed work plan was developed to support the formation of the Community Action Network in addition to a proposed budget for the \$100,000 to support the program. City Manager Payne explained that the program name has been changed to Neighborhood Alliance Network Association and that an Oversight Committee consisting of Director of Parks and Recreation Kay Frazier, LynCAG Executive Director Jim Mundy and the City Manager has reviewed the revised work plan and that the Committee will serve a continuing oversight role should the proposal be approved. Mr. Payne went on to say that the \$100,000, from unexpended funds from the FY2005 General Fund Reserve for Contingencies, would be utilized to seed the Network for a period of one year, and that during the year the program would be developed and evaluated and grant funding would be sought to establish it as a non-profit agency, or a program within an existing non-profit, addressing leadership, empowerment and other social issues in the inner city neighborhoods. On motion of Vice Mayor Foster, seconded by Council Member Dodson, Council by the following recorded vote introduced and laid over to a later meeting for final action Resolution #R-05-079, as presented, amending the FY2006 General Fund Budget and appropriating \$100,000, with resources from the unexpended balance of the FY2005 General Fund Reserve for Contingencies, to facilitate the establishment of a Community Action Network as part of the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative:

Ayes: Dodson, Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Seiffert, Hutcherson

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Noes:

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Absent: Gillette

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// Council Member Gillette arrived at 3:45 p.m. during discussion of Agenda Item #3.

// City Manager Kimball Payne presented an overview regarding a proposed compensation plan, that would become effective January 4, 2006, to provide an average of a three percent across-the-board compensation adjustment to those City employees who have exhibited satisfactory performance. Mr. Payne explained that providing for an average overall increase of 3% would require the identification of an additional \$1 million in recurring funds for subsequent budget years starting in FY2007. Mr. Payne went on to say that the creation of a Compensation Reserve of \$500,000 would buffer the impact on the FY2007 Budget. On motion of Vice Mayor Foster, seconded by Council Member Seiffert, Council by the following recorded vote introduced and laid over to a later meeting for final action Resolution #R-05-080, as presented, amending the FY 2006 General Fund Budget and appropriating \$500,000, with resources of \$500,000 from the unexpended balance of the FY 2005 General Fund Reserve for Contingencies, to be used for FY 2006 compensation adjustments and to establish a Compensation Reserve:

Ayes: Dodson, Foster, Gillette, Helgeson, Johnson, Seiffert, Hutcherson

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Noes:

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// During roll call, City Manager Kimball Payne stated that he would speak with the City Attorney regarding Council Member Seiffert's inquiry to address high turnover in certain City positions. Council Member Dodson inquired regarding the investigation of a recent accident between two fire trucks, and inquired whether the Transit Company plans to discontinue support of the Greyhound bus operations at the Kemper Street Station. In response to Council Member Dodson's inquiry, City Traffic Engineer Gerry Harter provided an update following the installation of speed bumps on Roundelay Road, stating that the speed of vehicles traveling this road has dropped 5-6 miles. Council Member Dodson also distributed a letter from a local business expressing concern regarding changing the traffic pattern on 13th Street from one-way to two-way. City Manager Payne stated that the proposal is on hold at the present time and that he has asked for additional information and plans to meet with all stakeholders before implementing any traffic pattern changes on 13th Street. Vice Mayor Foster informed of overgrown shrubs hanging over into the street at the corner of Rivermont Avenue/Fifth Street.

// The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Clerk of Council